



WELCOME

Wonga Park CRC is a church that is committed to helping people grow in their faith, one step at a time. We believe people do this by encountering God in his living word, through prayer, and in community with other believers.

New here? We would love to meet and connect with you, so please fill in your details on the back of this newsletter, place it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact you. Alternatively send an email to pastor@wpcrc.org.au and we will get in contact with you.

God's Word: We encourage you to take notes in the place provided, to reflect on what God has been saying to you, and to discuss it with your family, friends and children.

Prayer: We have several places in our worship service where we pray. We would also love to pray with you after the service. If you would like someone to pray with you, please remain in the main auditorium and a member of our prayer team will come and pray with you.

Community: We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. If you are a visitor, please grab a free barista made coffee (available most mornings). We would love to meet you and get to know you more. We have a **cry room** off to the side of the church for parents with infants. During school terms we also run a **Sunday School** program before the church service for high school aged children and during the church service for primary school aged children, and we have a **crèche** for ages 1-5 at the end of the main hallway.

Groups: We have a number of growth groups that meet throughout the week to pray for people, gather around God's word, and care for one another. If you would like to join a group, please contact pastor Chris (pastor@wpcrc.org.au).

BUILDING EACH OTHER UP IN FAITH

Luke 14:25-35 THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

25 Now great crowds were traveling with him. So he turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, and even his own life — he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

28 "For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation and cannot finish it, all the onlookers will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This man started to build and wasn't able to finish.'

31 "Or what king, going to war against another king, will not first sit down and decide if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If not, while the other is still far off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, therefore, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

34 "Now, salt is good, but if salt should lose its taste, how will it be made salty? 35 It isn't fit for the soil or for the manure pile; they throw it out. Let anyone who has ears to hear listen." -- Luke 14:25-35 (CSB)

Heb 3:12-15

12 Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. 14 For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. 15 As it is said:

Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion -- Hebrews 3:12-15 (CSB)

Col 3:14-17

Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -- Colossians 3:14-17 (CSB)

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) How did you go in finding a practical way to serve or help someone after the service?
- 2) Did you manage to ask someone in conversation what you could pray for them? What effect did it have on the conversation?
- 3) What's your facial 'screen saver' during the sermon?
- 4) What other practical ideas can you come up with for being a better builder during church?
- 5) What one or two things could you work on to be more of a 'builder' during the church meeting?
- 6) Pray for one another, that God would help you to put love into action this Sunday.
- 7) Pray for the people you spoke with last Sunday (and for any of their prayer points).
- 8) Choose at least one new thing you could do *before* church to prepare to build, and put it into practice this week.
- 9) Choose at least one new thing you could do *during* church to encourage and help others, and put it into practice this Sunday.

GIVING

In our church we have 2 offerings every Sunday. The first offering goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various ministry organisations we support. If you would like to support this work you can do so in a few different ways:

In church giving: Simply add your offering to the offering bag.

Bank Transfer: BSB: 063 167 **Acc:** 1015 8356.

For the Deacons **BSB:** 063167 **Acc.** 1015 8372

Via Church App: Online or via our church app: <https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

DIARY

Sunday 20 June

10:00 am Worship Service

4.00 pm Zoom for Youth (Online)



Rhoda	Barnard	17 June	Frikkie	Kotze	29 June
Abigail	Vanderjagt	17 June	Rebekah	Remminga	29 June
Tanya	Crous	24 June	Schalk	Kock	30 June
Karien	Bester	25 June			

Families (particularly with teens) are encouraged to attend the next State Family Equip service on the 18th of July at One Hope Community Church in Scoresby, VIC. 5pm - 7:30pm with a discipleship workshop + FREE dinner follow the service. There are four of these services a year that are hosted by different CRCA churches.

VICTORIAN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES YOUTH

EQUIP NIGHT

SUNDAY 18th JULY

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ ONE HOPE

SCORESBY SECONDARY COLLEGE CAVELL ST, SCORESBY

DINNER INCLUDED

"WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?"

WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH & PARENTS TO FOLLOW AFTER DINNER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As required by Victoria Health we need to keep a record of who has been attending the church service. We have set up a QR code that you can scan when you arrive at church on which your basic information will be captured securely onto a form in Elvanto.

We will only use or disclose your check-in information for coronavirus (COVID-19) contact tracing. Your data will then be deleted after 28 days. Your details won't be used for marketing or other purposes.

We will also have some volunteers with iPads to assist people who are unable to check in using their phones. It may take a bit of time to get everyone through the process so please try to be a bit earlier at church than what you would normally be.

On Monday the 3rd of May, I received a couple of calls regarding a request for help from a local mission.

The Dining Room Mission or TDR Mission, (www.tdrmission.org.au) is a local community meal service providing food to homeless people and to struggling families. They run every Tuesday evening from 5:30 -7:00 and are located in the back hall of the St John the Divine Anglican Church, Toorak Avenue, Croydon. They have been running this service since 2005.

Mike and I visited TDR Mission on Tuesday the 4th of May. We spoke to Jack Merx. He indicated that what he was looking for was a team of people from our congregation to prepare two course meals (main meal and dessert) for approximately 60 people, once a month. We would need to make simple meals that could be heated or reheated on the fourth Tuesday night of every month, and the meals would be packaged and served hot to whomever comes in. Because of Covid at the moment there is not the opportunity to sit down in the hall to eat the meals, the people that came in took enough for themselves and their families and ate them at home or in their cars etc.

The Deacons and I would love to hear from you and gauge whether we can get enough commitment from the congregation to join the TDR Mission. For us, this will be a very practical way of service in our local community. It is also a form of equipping us to step out in faith and proclaim Christ.

I sincerely look forward to hearing from you all. My email is vanveen.joyce@gmail.com and my phone number is 0409199840.

Yours in Christs name

Joy van Veen
on behalf of the WPCRC Diaconate.



PRAYER POINTS

Learn to worship God as the God who does wonders, who wishes to prove in you that he can do something supernatural and divine. — Andrew Murray

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

That we will continue to grow in grace especially towards our brothers and sisters in Christ and to those whom God has placed in authority over us.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2Peter 3:18 NRSV)

- ◇ Give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for demonstrating to each one of us the true meaning of grace.
- ◇ Please pray for Rob Lichtendonk who is going into hospital on Monday for a full knee reconstruction, pray that the Lord will be with him and all the hospital staff involved in the operation and recovery.
- ◇ Please pray for those amongst us who are suffering from the effects or after effects of cancer, Martie Schachtner, Gretchen Fourie, Joke van der Veen as well as others, pray that the Lord will grant healing and a full recovery.
- ◇ Please pray for our young people who have once again had a disruptive year in their education, pray that this will not have any long term consequences.
- ◇ Please pray for Chris and Sarah Pretorius as the work of a pastor is often fraught with difficulties, pray that they may experience the grace of their brothers and sisters in Christ.
- ◇ Pray for our church that there will be a genuine desire for unity among us and that we will take seriously the New Commandment given us by our Lord Jesus to love one another as he loved us.
- ◇ Pray for our nation that as we are affected by fires, floods, storms and pandemic to a greater or lesser degree we will turn back to God and seek him who is the author of all comfort.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PAKISTAN: • that the God of all grace will mercifully intervene to bring transformation to this dark, chaotic and needy land; may Islamic terrorism, jihadism and rabid fundamentalism cease; may the blasphemy law, the abduction of religious-minority girls and religious discrimination, repression and violent persecution all come to an end. May Pakistan's Muslims be totally disillusioned with Islam and graciously awakened to the way of God our Saviour 'who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth' (2 Timothy 2:4 ESV).

And also for Chinese refugees in South Korea: Sixty members of a Chinese house church are refugees on Jeju island off the southern tip of South Korea. They are living in a small, rented house with no hope of returning to their homeland or getting asylum in the East Asian country. South Korea reviewed about 12,000 refugee applications last year, but only 0.4% of them were approved, according to a refugee-rights centre in Seoul. Pan Yongguang, the pastor of the house church, tells his people their suffering is part of God's plan, and that there is no way back to China for them. The Christian Post reports that the refugee families would like to resettle in the U.S. A couple of church members who did return to China faced retribution. Their homes were raided, and their movements restricted. Religious persecution in China has intensified, with thousands of Christians affected by church closures and other human rights abuses.

NEXT PRAYER MEETING

The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday the 22nd of June at 7.30pm in the church.

EMERGENCY RELIEF APPEAL FOOD AND MEDS FOR A FAMILY



Severe lockdowns in India. Means another FOOD CRISIS !

The second wave of the pandemic in India has again brought huge suffering. Not only is there a public health emergency across the globe because of the pandemic, but acute hunger continues to affect the poorest of the poor. Again, because of the pandemic day labourers have no work, no pay and no means of feeding the family. Last week, in anticipation of your support, World Transform started a response in many villages, providing food essentials & basic medicines.

World Transform is prioritizing hundreds of marginalized people living in poverty in Central Western India. We will again be giving **food but also medicines** for many with fever, diarrhoea, pain or congestion. (Paracetamol for pain. Antihistamine for allergies & colds. Antibiotics for infections and diarrhoea.)

World Transform is appealing again for help to: "Feed a Family" for at least a week.
\$20 will truly help one family!

1. PRAY.

At your home, please pray for hungry families.

2. Feed a Family. Can you feed just one family?

Christians and non Christians will be helped in the precious name of Jesus.

What can be done?

Make a donation by EFT to the WT account below!

World Transform.
BSB 037 608 A/c No: 131745
Write: "**FOOD**" in message.

Just \$15 will buy enough rice, veg, dhal & oil for a family of 2 adults and 3 children for a whole week.

&

\$5 more will help hungry sick kids get a bit stronger again.

BUDGET UPDATE

Funds in: March was a better month in terms of offerings and funds received into our church bank account.

Expenses: Payments for the month were much higher than budget, primarily due to some arrears CRC Australia ministry share contributions that were brought up to date. The year-to-date expenses as reported is now reasonably accurate and mostly in line with budget.

Shortfall: Our year-to-date cash shortfall is about \$25k, marginally better than budget. This means y.t.d. we have drawn down on or depleted our cash resources to the amount of about \$25,000. .

Finance Overview

Mar-21	Budget	Actual
Funds in	19,660	18,725
Expenses	23,608	34,312
Year-to-date		
Funds in	171,520	174,335
Expenses	198,579	199,486

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Most of our pastoral care takes place within our growth groups, but we also have a dedicated pastoral care team to supplement this. If you would like to be visited, please feel free to contact any of our pastoral care team

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GROWTH GROUPS

We have a number of growth groups in our church, please contact the person listed below to connect to one. We have a few specific groups (noted below) as well as some general groups.

Sunday afternoons (Afrikaans in person)

Contact: Lourens Geldenhuys

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Wednesday Nights (Online)

Contact: Tim Gray

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Monday Nights (currently online)

Contact Peter Williams

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Wednesday Nights (Online)

Contact: Chris Pretorius

pastor@wpcrc.org.au

0423 889 913

Wednesday Nights
(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)

Contact: Kasha Schubert

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0450 012 177

Thursday Mornings (In person)

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GEMS

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CONNECT WITH US

If you would like someone from church to connect with you, please fill in this page, tear it off and put it in the offering bag.

Your name:

Contact number:

Contact email:

Notes: